

# Mahfuz keen to hold talks with Dr M

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** PAS' Mahfuz Omar wants to meet Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss issues of national interest.

The PAS committee member said the former Prime Minister had changed so much since stepping down that "his views now are the same as what mine have been all along."

"Dr Mahathir has been speaking up for democracy, freedom of the media, the need for a stronger opposition, Proton and the sale of MV Agusta and the crooked bridge (to replace the Causeway between Johor Baru and Singapore) which has been scrapped," the former Pokok Sena MP said at the PAS headquarters in Gombak.

"I really support his recent views and ideas. They are bold and meaningful and should be shared collectively for the good of the country."

Mahfuz sent a letter to Dr Mahathir yesterday requesting a meeting. He made the request in his capacity as president of the Institute for Community Mobilisation and Development, a non-governmental organisation.

Asked about his differences with Dr Mahathir in the past, Mahfuz said that was in the past.